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## EDITORIAL

**A Rare Opportunity:** The Central Government under the Second Five Year Plan have come forward to contribute towards development of Scouting and Guiding in various States by granting a substantial amount for the free Training of men and women who wish to take to this work voluntarily.

We have now on our rolls nearly 3,000 men and women serving the Movement without any remuneration and on a purely voluntary basis running the many Scout and Guide groups in the various parts of the State. We welcome more and more of them to come in by taking advantage of this free offer for

Training. We specially welcome men and women from outside the ranks of teachers to take the training and start more 'OPEN' groups in villages and small towns. You must certainly be interested. Write to the Hon. State Secretary Bharat Scouts, & Guides, Madras-5, for details.

**Renewal of Registration of Groups:** It is unfortunate that inspite of repeated instructions the renewal forms sent by groups are either inadequate or incomplete. The date within which the forms should be sent does not seem to weigh upon the minds of Scouters, Guiders, and the Associations in the Districts concerned. Good

Scouting and business habits ought to be synonymous and if there is anything wanting in this, it is earnestly hoped that it will soon be made up by those concerned.

**Efficiency :** One is happy to note that the hopes entertained last year for a larger number of First Class and Bharat Scouts have to some extent been realised and we see a sprinkling of them in the districts of Chingleput, Coimbatore, South Madras, Central Madras, West Madras, East Madras, Madurai and Salem. Keep it up Scouters and let us see more of them in the next year's returns.

**Make a Good Start :** Most of the Scouters and Guiders must be planning the reorganisation of Groups after the schools reopen early in June next. Do not forget to start with small numbers and never forget that the Patrol System is the only method by which SCOUT and GUIDE groups are to be run. Train up your boy and girl leaders and let them run the groups with you behind

them helping actively with suggestions and ideas.

**Effective Administration :** With a view to make our Commissioners and Associations in the Districts to administer and function effectively certain proposals for the reorganisation of districts and appointments of Commissioners are being considered by a Sub-Committee specially appointed for the purpose. If you have any ideas on this subject please pass them on immediately to our Honorary State Secretary.

**Publications :** We are in sore need of publications in Tamil on Scouting and Guiding. We extend a hearty invitation to all the experienced Scouters and Guiders in the State to send in their manuscripts in simple Tamil and with as many illustrations as possible. Small pamphlets are required on various Scout and Guide tests.

**Good News :** Scouters and Guiders who have been camping at our Stanley Park Camping Centre at Coonoor in the Nilgiris.

I have come back and given us the news that the Camping Centre has become a paradise, with fine and well laid out pathways and level lawns, with tastefully painted comfortable wooden huts, with plenty of water supply, with a good supply of fluffy blankets and druggets for keeping the plains people warm and comfortable and with many other facilities for Camping. All these improvements are due to Mrs. R. E. Maclaine-Clarke our able President of the Stanley Park Committee who has many more plans to make this Camping Centre the best for Scouts and Guides. Surely you must be itching to Camp at the Stanley Park and enjoy the thrill. Do it now.

## The Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Course (Practical)

23rd April to 4th May, 1959 - Stanley Park, Coonoor

The camp was started on the evening of 23rd April, 1959 with 23 campers drawn from the States of Madras, Bombay, Mysore and Andhra Pradesh and 5 Officers.

The inaugural function was held on the 24th morning. The State Chief Commissioner and the President of the Association could not attend the function due to certain unavoidable reasons.

In the absence of Sri C. Subramaniam, the President of the Association, Sri A. Y. S. Parisutha Nadar, M.L.A., District Scout Commissioner of Tanjore inaugurated the camp. Mrs. R. E. Maclaine-Clarke, President of the Stanley Park Committee and the District Guide Commissioner, Nilgiris presided over the function. Sri C. Lingam, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Nilgiris District Bharat Scouts and Guides, in a short talk, traced the history of the Stanley Park.

At the outset, Sri M. Rajagopalan welcomed the President of the function and the visitors and read out the messages received from the State Chief Commissioner, the Honorary State Treasurer, the Honorary State Secretary and the State Commissioner (Guides), wishing the campers a good and useful time and the function a success. Sri Parisutha Nadar in his

speech paid a tribute to the good work that is being done at the Stanley Park and exhorted the campers to carry the torch of good Scouting into the villages.

Mrs. Maclaine-Clarke who presided over the function thanked the Government of Madras for the great encouragement they are giving to Scouting and Guiding in the State and especially to the development of Stanley Park and the Tea Board for having given a grant of Rs. 3500/- towards the improvement of the Park. As the President of the Stanley Park Committee, she said she proposed to develop the Park in such a way as to make it useful to all boys and girls irrespective of their being Scouts or not, right through the year and appealed to the Public and the Government for their generous support. She congratulated those who have come up for training in the Wood Badge Course and wished them all joy and happiness of good Scouting and glorious camping.

Sri R. Messiah Doss thanked all those present and especially Mrs. Maclaine-Clarke for the great interest she evinces in Scouting and Guiding in general and the Stanley Park in particular and the fine way in which she has beautified the Park and made it more useful to the boys and girls.

**A Brief report of the Village Scout Organisers' Training Course, National Training Centre, Pachmarhi  
31-1-1959 to 15-2-1959**

By Sri A. D. M. Prakasam, A.D.C.C. (Scouts),  
*Tiruchirapalli.*

We are all aware that the National Headquarters, New Delhi are forging plans for developing Scouting and Guiding under the Second Five Year Plan. In accordance with their plans a new scheme for developing Scouting in Villages was inaugurated with a Special All India Training Course for the Village Scout Organisers at the National Training Centre, Pachmarhi from 31-1-1959 to 15-2-1959. The Course was attended by 33 State Organising Commissioners and Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs, representing 13 States of India. Six representatives, all A.D.C.C.s. from Madras State with varied experiences in the field of Scouting in general and Village Scouting in particular, arrived at the sylvan surroundings of the National Training Centre sufficiently earlier to attend the Training Course. Sri J. I. Muthiah, our Camp Chief

(Scouts) India with his characteristic hilarity and the backwoodsman's good cheer extended a warm welcome to all the campers. We were all happy to tread the hallow ground of the Camp site that has been developed and improved from a scratch, thanks to the indefatigable zeal and untiring efforts of the Camp Chief, Sri. J. I. Muthiah, who was in charge of the Training Course ably assisted by Sri D. L. Bhagwat, S. O. C. (S) Bombay, Sri Sushil Kumar, Camp Secretary, and Shri Misra, Quartermaster.

The Course commenced on 31st January 1959 at 11-30 a.m. with the flag hoisting, Sri J. I. Muthiah then welcomed the campers in a very informal manner, divided the campers into five Patrols—the Copper Smith, The Wood Peckers, the Panthers, the Parrots and the Eagles—each patrol consisting of members of different States. After the preliminary talk, the campers adjourned for lunch.

When we met again for the afternoon session at 2-30 P.M. Shri Madan Mohan, Chief Commissioner (Scouts) inaugurated the Training Course and said that he was very glad to meet D.C.Cs. and A.D.C.Cs of different States at the Village Scout Organisers Course—the first of its kind under the aegis of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. As the S. O. Cs. and Asst.

Deputy Camp Chiefs were the mainstay of the Movement, they must consider every now and then the following points—whether they are satisfied that the Movement is progressing on proper lines, whether the techniques of training they adopt, are on right lines, whether Scouting, be it in the Urban areas or in the rural areas has become window-dressing or otherwise, whether Scouting, it made into a mass movement, will not be leading us to chaos and confusion. After dealing with the above points with apt illustrations drawn from his ripe experience, he went on to explain the need for organising Scouting in rural areas—to raise and improve the standard of living of those residing in the villages. He further said that efforts must be made to raise a bond of able and enthusiastic workers from amongst the villagers themselves, who inspired by the ideals of service the spirit of brotherhood would work as inspirers, organisers, and instructors in their respective villages. He concluded his inaugural address by exhorting the trainees to give their time and thought to the new scheme of village Scouting to be evolved, after careful deliberations and discussions, arrive at wise and useful conclusions so that the scheme that is to be drawn will be quite genuine and inspiring.

The various subjects and activities with detailed syllabus for the Village Scout Organisers Course were taken up and dealt with according to schedule. On Sunday 1-2-1959 the aims and methods of Scout Training with reference to Village Scouting were explained at length by Sri J. I. Muthiah and a general discussion followed in which all the trainees, Shri D. P. Joshi, and Shri D. S. Bhagwat. S. O. C. Bombay took part. At the end of this session a Committee consisting of Sri A. D. M. Prakasam (Madras State) Shri Thirumalachari (Mysore State) Shri Dawan (Punjab State) and Shri Pawlose (Kerala State) was constituted to formulate the aims and methods of Scout Training in the light of the discussions.

Now I would like to mention some of the special features of the Training Course. Though this course was conducted on lines similar to that of a Wood Badge Camp with a daily routine and definite programme, yet it must be said that it was training course - c u m - conference as termed by Shri Madan Mohan, the Chief Commissioner (Scouts) with opportunities for full and free discussions in all the sessions.

Another special feature worth mentioning, is the ample time given to handicrafts. like puppet making, Flannel graph picture making,

lanyard making, belt making etc. Sri Ariel, the Hobby instructor attached to the Literack House, Lucknow, remained with the campers for a number of days and he daily instructed the campers one hour on the importance of Puppet shows, flannel graphs shows which are indispensable for cultural programmes in villages.

The third special feature of the course was, besides instructive talks on Rope Craft, Camp Craft, Wood Craft by Sardar Hardyal Singh the sage of Tara Devi and the practical talks on First Aid by Shri D. P. Joshi, our popular National Organising Commissioner, we had a number of projects assigned to us for demonstration by the two veteran Scouters as knots in use in different States-Backwoodsman cooking without utensils in the villages in different States, forecasting rain or weather condition by certain local signs in different States and projects of the fire fighting in villages. These projects were quite instructive and interesting. We had outdoor meetings for Cubs and Scouts.

Last but not least of the special feature of the course was the "Camp Fires" that were held every alternate night. The Camp Fires were taken full advantage of by the members and everyone came forward to give full expression to his talents in music, singing

mimicry, histrionics, dancing, Scout yarns, Scout yells, etc. It is no exaggeration when I say that all the trainees completely forgot their positions in life and co-operated with one another in all the Camp activities, thus contributing in a large measure to the joy and success of the Camp. One cannot but remark about the admirable spirit of comradeship and happy family spirit that pervaded the Camp throughout although the trainees have been drawn from different parts of our sub-continent-India.

14th February 1959 was the final day of the Training Course. After the final talk

by the Camp Chief, the flag was lowered. The bus to Pippariya Railway Station was ready to start. Greetings such as "Good Luck" "Good Village Scouting" "Good Health" were ringing in our ears - The bus started. The Camp Chief Sri J. I. Muthiah was standing at some distance bade farewell to the campers with his characteristic smile and wave of his hand. We then sang "He is a Jolly Good Fello" till the Camp Chief was out of sight. Only when the bus left the camp premises, we all realised that our wonderful holiday on the Queen of Satpuras-National Training Centre-was really over.

## Notes & Observation

BY D. P. JOSHI

*National Organising Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides, India*

**Census:** I give below an extract from a valuable English book. The passage is self-explanatory.

'As annual Census is taken of the whole Movement on 31st March. This is regarded by many Scouters as a nuisance but is a most valuable asset in that it enables a complete record to be kept of the Movement, which is used in dealing with Government Departments for Grants, etc.

Some Scouters misguidedly overstate their numbers or

count moribund members. This may be due to various causes but an honest statement is essential. It helps nobody to have "paper figures" only.

The greatest care and expedition is required by all. It is disgraceful that many census forms reach NHQ many months after the closing dates. Although action lies with the Secretaries, Commissioners can do much to ensure that Scouters get their returns in quickly.

It should be noted that the Census is also the re-registration of a group and therefore

Groups not completing the form technically cease to exist. Badges and warrants cannot be issued for it - and it should be made to feel its position. Perhaps this might form a suitable job for a member of the Group Committee if the Scouter is not himself of a business turn of mind.

It will be seen that the Census enables all levels to have a complete check of their position from year to year. Every possible piece of information should be squeezed out of the figures.'

Let us meditate over the passage and see what we can do. In the census figures, we must be able to give correct figures about Bharat Scouts/ Guides, First Class Scouts/ Guides, Two Star Cubs, Commissioners Trained/untrained. Are we able to supply these figures? Please note that we

are required to pay at the rate of one anna per member to the International Bureau. If our number is 6,90,000. then we are required to pay Rs. 37,500. So the States, District, Local Associations are requested to think about this problem when they send the figures. The number of six lakhs is not too big for this country, but they must be active scouts.

*The Rally of Scouts and Guides who have won the Bharat Scout/ Guide Badges:*

It has been decided to hold the rally sometime in the last week of January 1960 and I am giving this information with the hope that States would intimate to their groups and companies immediately so that the Scouts and Guides would take full advantage of the summer vacation and work for this badge.

## News from the State Headquarters

### New Members admitted

#### Ordinary Members :—

1. Sri G. Rangan, Madras
2. ,,, Syed Hussain, Madras
3. ,,, P. V. Ramakrishnan, Madras
4. ,,, S. M. Dasan, Madras
5. ,,, C. Govindarajulu, Madras

Madras-5, }  
15-5-1959.

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY,  
Honorary State Secretary.



## OPERATION "BE PREPARED"

### Boy Scouts Lend Valuable Public Services during the Recent Revolution in Cuba

When President Fulgencio Batists and his Cuban government were forced into exile on New Years Eve of 1958, Cuba was left in an extremely unstable condition while Fidel Castro's revolutionary army gradually assumed control. During this period, the Cuban Boy Scouts did a magnificant job of public service.

#### Preparation

Several months earlier and on account of the severe political conditions which were present in Cuba, members of the Executive Committee of the Scouts de Cuba, organised Operation "Be Prepared" - a plan for a rapid national mobilization of Scouts with specific instructions for the rendering of public services in case of emergency.

A booklet was mimeographed describing mobilization arrangements, special equipment necessary, preliminary training recommended and specific situations where Scouts might help and it was distributed to all Commissioners and Scouters.

It was clearly specified that the Scouts were to do a strictly civilian job, avoiding any situation where their action

might be misconstrued as having political ends. This principle was maintained in all cases and the Movement was recognized in its rightful place as a strictly non-political organization.

All District Commissioners were briefed on the plan and several local rehearsals took place in preparation. Specific posts and tasks were assigned to Scout Troops and Rover Clans all over the country.

#### An Opportunity for Service

In the morning of January 1st 1959 broadcasts informed the public that the leaders of the deposed regime had fled, including Batista. The moments that followed were of extreme peril. Jubilant crowds roamed the streets while riots began all over the cities. Unscrupulous crowds invaded and sacked the homes of certain notorious members of the fleeing government.

The Executive Committee of the Scouts gave the signal for the start of operation "Be prepared" at noon on January 1st and immediately Scouts all over Cuba reported to their pre-assigned posts to carry out their duties. At all times the Scouts acted with the permission and active approval of the public authorities in control of the situation.

## BRAVE AND BOASTFUL

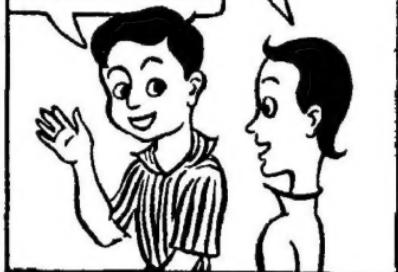
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CHUNNU



Go away if you are scared, Chunnu. I'll stay and watch the show.

It's O.K. for kids like you, not for brave ones like me!



The snake charmer's show was fun!

Why, I have performed such shows myself!



So many times I've been to the jungle and played my flute...

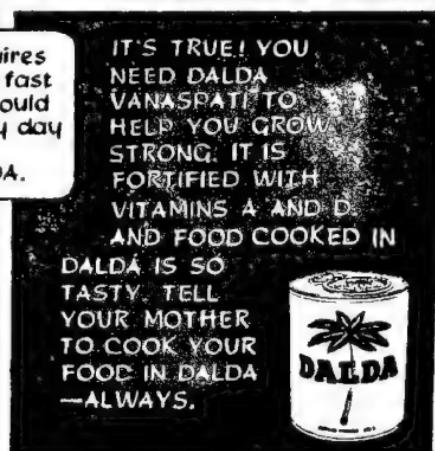


and snakes have come running to me enraptured....



When I weave them into a garland for myself, people bow their heads in respect!





## Hospitals and First Aid Stations

Immediately patrols of Scouts were sent to all the Hospitals, First Aid Stations and Red Cross Offices where they distributed rations, kept order, served as messengers and cleaned the premises.

In many hospitals Scouts carried on with their valuable work while fighting and shooting were still going on around them and in the streets between the revolutionary army and groups of soldiers of the ousted regime.

In Havana, a medical station was set up by Scouts next to the headquarters of the Scout Association with the help of the Red Cross. This station was operated by certified Doctors as well as stretcher-carriers, nurses and auxiliary personnel. The station handled a large number of wounded, mainly members of the revolutionary army which entered the city, but also several cases of persons wounded in the street incidents were attended to.

The services performed by Scouts in these hospitals were doubly important since in most cases the normal personnel operating them were absent because of the interruption of all public transport services and the disorganized circumstances which prevented them from reporting to work.

## Communications

All instructions issued by Scout Headquarters regarding the conduct of operation "Be prepared" were broadcast through the main radio and television stations which from the earliest moments were in the hands of the revolutionary army. The later co-operated in all respects with the Scouts and the facilities of the national Radio network were placed at the disposal of the Scouts for issuing bulletins and instructions. A total of twelve bulletins were issued. As a result, Scouts all over the country acted as a unified and co-ordinated organization.

## Traffic Control

In the absence of the police or any other official agency, traffic lights were left unmaned and Scouts took over the job of handling and directing traffic all over Havana as well as in the other principal cities. It must be remembered that Havana is a city of about one million inhabitants.

The Scouts did a magnificent job of this project, closing down certain streets, re-directing traffic, manning the manual traffic lights and orienting drivers. This service was continued for the five consecutive days by Scouts alone, until they were substituted by personnel appointed by the new Government.

### Other Services

With several Scouters who had experience in electrical repairs, important services were made repairing interruptions of power systems in hospitals. Patrols of Scouts were sent to all Five Department Stations. Transportation services consisting of Scouters who voluntarily offered their automobiles were also formed and they carried food and provisions to isolated families during the first days of the revolution when no means of transportation were available anywhere, carried wounded civilians to First Aid Stations, delivered special medicines to sick persons, and served as Messengers for vital services.

Scouts also served as lift operators in hotels and offices, collected food and clothing in co-operation with several other devastated in the recent fighting and cleared the streets of broken glass and debris.

When the revolutionary army entered Havana on January 8th, crowds of thousands lined the streets to cheer the entrance of the 10 mile long armored caravan,

and never were the Scouts services valued more highly, when they held back the people and kept open the way for the advancing trucks and tanks.

### Public Reaction

At all times the public followed instructions issued by Scouts and helped them to carry out their jobs in every possible way. It was common to see a 14 year old Scout in complete control of traffic at the inter-section of two six-lane boulevards in downtown Havana. The authorities of the revolutionary government and the Cuban people as a whole have fully recognized and congratulated the Scouts for their behaviour and initiative in these difficult moments, and Commander Aldo Vera, new Chief of the National Police, addressed a personal letter to the President of the Scouts de Cuba expressing his "sincere and heartfelt congratulations for the behaviour and discipline of the Cuban Boy Scouts in the past few days"

*(World Scouting)*

## The Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Course and Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs Course, Coonoor

The above Courses were run at the Stanley park Scout Training and Camping Centre, Coonoor from 23rd April to 4th May 1959 23 Scouters representing Madras, Mysore, Bombay and Andhra Pradesh States attended the Scout Wood Badge Course and 5 Scouters underwent training as Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs (Scouts).

The inaugural function of the Camp was held on the morning of 24th April with Mrs. R. E. Maclaine-Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides) and President of the Stanley Park Committee in the chair. Sri. A. Y. S. Parisutha Nadar, M. L. A., District Commissioner (Scouts), Tanjore, inaugurated the Camp.

Sri M Rajagopalan, Deputy Camp Chief and Headquarters Commissioner for Training, was in charge of the Courses ably assisted by Sri R. Messiah Doss, D.C.C. and State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), Madras, Dr. V. K. Sundaram, M.C., D.C.C.,

Bangalore, Sri R. M. Swamy, A.D.C.C., and Headquarters Commissioner for Pioneering and Handicrafts, Southern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras. Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, District "Scout Organizer, Coonoor acted as Quartermaster. The Camp was a great success and our thanks are due to Mrs. Maclaine-Clarke, President of the Stanley Park Committee, for all the help and splendid arrangements made by her and to Dr. V. K. Sundaram and Sri R. M. Swamy who were of great help and a source of inspiration and joy to the Campers.

On the closing day, i.e., 4th May 1959, Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts), Srimathi K. Sundaravadivelu. Headquarters Commissioner for Planning, Sri B. K. Linga Gowder, M. L. A., and Mrs. R. E. Maclaine-Clarke visited the Camp and addressed the Campers wishing them all joy and happiness of good and glorious Scouting.

**Service at Children's Corner at the Guindy Park  
Behind Gandhi Mantapam**

A large number of Scouts and Guides were present on the occasion when the Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Children's Corner on 14-4-1959 at 4-30 P.M. and helped in maintaining discipline among the children present.

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At the Executive Committee of the National Council held on 29th March 1959 the following members have been elected delegates to the International Scout Conference to be held at Delhi in July-August 1959.

1. Sri Justice Vivian Bose, National Commissioner;
2. Sri Madan Mohan, Chief Commissioner (Scouts);
3. Sri Sardar Hardayal Singh, Deputy Camp Chief, Punjab State;
4. Sri Radha Raman, State Chief Commissioner, Delhi State;
5. Sri Abdul Gaffar, Deputy Camp Chief, Mysore State and
6. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Madras State.

**THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES,  
MADRAS STATE**

**Warrants Issued**

*District Commissioner (Scouts)*

Warrant No.	Date of issue	Name and address	Area
58	1-4-1959	Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, South Arcot Dt.	
59	13-4-1959	Sri B. Mahadevan Pillai, Kanyakumari Dt.	

## District News

### **SOUTH MADRAS DT. Service in the art festival**

A contingent of Scouts and Guides did commendable service in connection with the Art Festival presented by the Kalakshetra from 11-3-59 to 15-3-59 at Congress Grounds Open Air Theatre, Teynampet, Madras. The Festival was organised by the Madras Natya-nataka Sangh and was inaugurated by Shri Humayun Kabir, Minister for Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs, Government of India. There was also an Art Exhibition consisting mainly of the paintings of Harindranath Chatopadhyaya. The Scouts and Guides helped the organisers in regulating admission to the performances etc.

### **Gadadhar Scout Group**

The Annual Day of the Group was celebrated on 5-3-59 at the Ramakrishna Mission High School (North Branch) premises with Major M. R. Sundaresan in the Chair. Sri V. Thyagarajan Headmaster, welcomed the gathering. Sri P. T. Srinivasachari, Group Leader, presented the Annual Report of the Group. Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (Scouts), spoke on the occasion commending the activities of the Group and desired that the Patrol Leaders should take increasing part in all the activities of the Group. He

also wished that they should make the Court of Honour a live and vigorous organism. Sri S. Srinivasa Iyer proposed a vote of thanks.

### **Brahmotsavam Service**

The Brahmotsavam of Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, Mylapore, which lasted from 15-3-59 to 24-3-59 afforded us, as usual, a unique opportunity for rendering service.

About 130 Scouts on an average were on duty on the 17th, 19th, 21st and 22nd. The Report centre was located at the premises of the Indian Bank, Mylapore Branch in the North Mada Street. The Scouts worked in collaboration with the members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Madras City Corporation, and the Mylapore Academy under whose joint auspices the Service Centre was inaugurated by Sri R. M. Mahadevan, Deputy Inspector General of Police on 16-3-52.

We are much beholden to Messrs. M. C. Sambanda Mudaliar, J. D. Pannalal and K. Hunsraj who kindly entertained the Scouts on duty to light refreshments.

### **MADURAI**

160 Scouts and Rover Scouts from Madhavan, Gadadhar, Gandhiji, Gauthama, Young Harveys, M. L. W. A., Arapalayam, Harveys, Asoka,

Thulasiram, Jumbo, Meenakshi Groups of Madurai City and 50 Guides from Jansi Rani, M.L.W.A. and Municipal Groups rendered services at the Race Course grounds on the occasion of our Prime Minister addressing a public meeting on the 14th April, '59.

80 Scouts and 5 Guides from Gadadhar, Gandhiji, M.L.W.A. Young Harvey, Nagaimalai, Gauthama, Madhavan, Asoka, Jumbo, Meenakshi Groups rendered service detailing themselves in all the four Masi Streets during the State Drive of our Prime Minister on 16th April, 1959.

Sri K. S. Sampat, City Scout Organiser and Sri K. Soundararajan were incharge of the service.

Scouts from Gauthama and Gandhiji Troops rendered service at Victoria Edward Hall on the occasion of the Annual Day of Sree Meenakshi Vidyasala on 22-4-1959.

The District Executive Committee met on April, 19, with Sri R. Nagaraj, Vice-President, in the chair and decided to conduct training camps for Cubmasters and Flock Leaders in June-July 1959.

Scouts of the Board School, Chinnamanur rendered useful service to the public at the Tirukalyanam and Car Festival of the local temple under the

leadership of Sri G. V. Subramaniam, Scoutmaster.

Scouts of the Senior Basic School, Bodinayakanur helped in the Anniversary Celebration of the School on April 16th 1959.

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The Bulbuls of the Municipal Bran Market Flock went on an excursion to the Vaigai Dam on March 7.

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The second anniversary of Sri Gautama Scout Group, Madurai was celebrated on March, 8 on the M. C. High School grounds. Dr. K. G. Ramabadrar was in the chair. Sri S. M. Diaz, District Superintendent of Police, Madurai spoke on the occasion congratulating the members of the Group on the good progress made, belonging as they do to various callings. Scouting, he added, will help propagation of character and discipline which are the urgent needs of the country to-day. The movement therefore deserved help from everyone.

There was a Film Show towards the end of the function.

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The sub-committee for quota-fee met at District Headquarters on March 11.

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Miss C. John, State Organising Commissioner (Guides), Madras visited Madurai on March 18 and inspected local Guide Groups accompanied by

Mrs. Santosham, District Commissioner and Mrs. Maharaja, Assistant Secretary. She also addressed meetings of Guiders at Madurai, Usilampatti and Batlagundu. Rural Groups at Karukkattampatti and Goundenpatti were also visited by Miss John. Her tour has stirred up Guiding in the District.

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Three Training Courses for Cubmasters were conducted from 9th May to 27th May 1959, at Gandhigram for the benefit of the Trainees of the Rural Extension Training Centre at Gandhigram. The courses were conducted at Jathigoundenpatty,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles away from Gandhigram. In all 112 men had the benefit of this Training. The Camps were in charge of Sri P. S Ranganathan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, Salem assisted by Sri R. Sundaram, Scouter, Trichinopoly District.

### EAST TANJORE

A full course of *Cubmasters' Training* was given to 57 teachers with the help of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Association, Madras who deputed Sri M. Ram Mohan, Chief Organiser, Village Youth Leadership, Madras, to be the trainer. He was assisted by Sri H. Krishnamoorthy, District Scout Superintendent, District Board, Tanjore. The Course was inaugurated by the Headmaster, Board High School, Coleroon, on the afternoon of 27-1-1959 and ended on the

forenoon of 2-2-59. During the said course, visitors' evening was celebrated on the evening of 1-2-1959. Sri Nessaya, M.A.B.T., District Scout Commissioner presided over the function. Some of the leading public men, Panchayat Presidents, Block Development Officer, Anaikaranchatram, and all the Extension Officers of the Block attended the function.

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### Scouts at Cauveripoon-pattinam

The Chidambaranar Scout Troop of Board High School, Kilapperumballam and the Scout Troop of Board High School, Akkur camped at POOMPYHAR (alias Cauveripoonpattinam) in Mayuram Taluk, the ancient capital of Chola Kingdom from 28-2-59 to 1-3-59, near the Seashore. Sixty Scouts and 3 Scouters viz., Sri A. S. K. Vadivu, B.O.L., B.T., Sri K. Somasundaram and Sri G. Muthaiya took part in the camp activities.

All the Tenderfoot tests and some of the II Class Scout tests were taught by the Scouters during the camp. The Scouts and Scouters had a sea bath in the Bay of Bengal and sailed in the boats. Many of the activities were conducted on the seashore. On the night of 28-2-59 there was a camp-fire. Most of the Scouts participated in the campfire items.

On the evening of 1-3-59, before the flag was brought down, Sri Muthaiya Pillai, Headmaster, Board High School, Akkur, addressed the Scouts and exhorted them to become good citizens by utilizing the training given to them.

A photo of the campers was taken near the Statue of KANNAGI recently opened by the Governor of Madras to commemorate the memory of SILAPPATHIKARAM, one of the famous, Tamil Classics.

### NORTH ARCOT

Two Cubmasters Training Courses for the benefit of the trainees of the Rural Extension Training Centre, at S. V. Nagaram were conducted from 2nd May to 14 May 1959 at Poosimalaikuppam, 15 miles away from S. V. Nagaram. 68 men were trained as Cubmasters. The Camps were in charge of Sri K Varadarajan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, East Tanjore District assisted by Sri K. S. Viswanathan, Scouter of the same District.

### NILGIRIS

27 Scouts of Board High School, Gudalur under the leadership of Sri M. Gopalakrishnan, Scoutmaster camped at Coonoor from 18th to 22nd April 1958. The Scouts had a very interesting programme of sight seeing and visited

various places such as Paster Institute, Barracks and Milk Diary Farm, Gutt Section, Sims Park, Stanley Park, Tiger Hill, Tea Estate etc. Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, District Organising Commissioner, Coonoor was in charge of the arrangements etc.

### WEST TANJORE

The fifteenth Annual Bulbul and Cub Camps of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Local Association, Kumbakonam were held in Sri C. R. Lakshmi-raghava Iyengar's Gardens, Kumbakonam on 14th and 15th April 1959. Srimathf Indra Nagarajan, District Commissioner, Tanjore, and Sri R. Narasimha Iyengar, B.A.,B L , Assistant District Commissioner, Kumbakonam acted as the Camp Chiefs Sri Aramanai A, R. Rama Iyer, Land-lord and Viee-President, the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Kumbakonam, presided over the Bulbul Day and Dr. R. Mahalingam, Eye-Specialist presided over the Cub Day. The Shields for General Proficiency were awarded to St. Joseph's Cub Pack and St Joseph's Bulbul Flock. Sri K S. Seshadri, Assistant State Commissi-  
onner visited the Bulbul Camp. Sri H, Krishnamoorthi, District Scout Superintendent, Tanjore, District Board and Sri V. Akshayam, Secretary Tanjore, were present in the Cub Camp and helped to conduct the Camp efficiently.

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## VISIT TO GROUPS BY OUR ASSISTANT STATE COMMISSIONER (SCOUTS)

Our Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), Sri T. R. Kot-handaram Mudaliar, has visited Tirupporur, Mahabalipuram, Tirukalikundram, Madras, Tambaram, Acharapakkam, Madurantakam, Chingleput, Uttiramerur, and met Scouters of all ranks and discussed with them the various problems facing them and enthused the Scouts and Scouters to do more work. He has also explained the significance of the payment of the quota fee by the Scouts of all ranks \*

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An International Week-end for Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts proposing to go abroad during 1959 is to be held at Gilwell Park over the week-end May 30th/31st.

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Bristol Boy Scouts are organising a Kon-Tiki Week-end at Weston-super-Mare on October 10th/17th, 1959. Scouts will build rafts on which they will live for the week-end and will finally race against each other.

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## SCOUT MAGAZINE IN BRAILLE

A Scout Magazine in Braille with the title "Fleur de Lis", is now being published by the Royal National Institute for the Blind. It is published on the 15th of each month with the exception of August.

The magazine will fill a need in the life of a blind Scout and copies can be obtained on application to the Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224-5-8, Great Portland Street, London, W. I.

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